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In re Application of: Kiremidjian, at al. Application No. 10/004,078 Filed: November 27, 2001 Attorney Docket No. SS-709-12 COPY MAILED

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the March 18, 2002 petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 27, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of October 27, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on November 27, 2001. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt no. EM379061832US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing a "date in" of November 27, 2001.

In view of the above, this petition is granted.

This application will be returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for correction of the filing date to November 27, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned in the Office of Petitions at (703) 306-5593.

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